GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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NGO`S FOR STREET CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Institutions permitted by the Ministry to adopt and nurse the street children in the State of Kerala;

(b) whether the Government have verified the activities of these institutions frequently;

(c) whether any type of mis-handling is reported so far from Kerala;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have fixed criteria to select the institutions or to issue the license; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) & (b) While there is no programme for giving permission to Institutions foradopting and nursing Street Children, the Ministry is implementing a Scheme called `An Integrated Programme for Street Children` under which grant-in-aid isgiven to NGOs working for the welfare of street children. During 2001-02 one organization in Kerala, received grant for running a street children project. The grantee organizations are inspected and evaluated on a regular basis by the State Government and Ministry`s own Nodal Agencies.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) & (f) Through the Ministry does not issue any license to institutions to run the streetchildren projects, certain criteria have been fixed for selection of organizations for grant-in-aid to run a street children project which inter alia, are that the organization should be registered under an appropriate Act with a duly constituted managing committee and should not be run for profit to any individual or a body of individuals.